

SENATE BILL 496

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,  
Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-233(c)(8), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(8) To establish a civil penalty, to be assessed by the commissioner, against a provider who, after proper notification and appropriate time to respond, has been found to have fraudulently billed and collected from a payor an amount that exceeds the medical fee schedule. Under no circumstances shall a provider be assessed a civil penalty solely for receiving payment from a payor that exceeds the medical fee schedule.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.